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Letter dated 19 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter addressed to you by Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, and its annex enclosing the Declaration issued by the meeting of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States on Central Africa, held in New York on 15 November 2001 during the current session of the General Assembly, under the chairmanship of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by virtue of the Sudan's chairmanship of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States.

I should be grateful if you would have the letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed **Erwa**
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 19 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to transmit to you the Declaration issued by the meeting of States members of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States, held in New York on 15 November 2001 during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations to consider developments in the situation in the Central African Republic.

I should be grateful if you would have the Declaration issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mustafa Osman **Ismail**
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Enclosure

Declaration issued by the meeting of States members of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York on 15 November 2001

1. The States members of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States held a meeting in the evening of 15 November 2001 under the chairmanship of Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2. The meeting heard a report on steps taken with regard to cooperation between the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States and the United Nations and commended the efforts made by the Sudan, with the support of member States, for the accordance to the Community of observer status in the General Assembly of the United Nations. It stressed that the observer status called for the strengthening of coordination among member States within the framework of the United Nations and its specialized agencies on all issues concerning it. In this context, the meeting approved the idea of establishing an appropriate mechanism or an office to represent the Secretariat of the Community at the United Nations and requested the Secretariat of the Community to prepare a study on the matter and to submit it to the next meeting of the Executive Council.

3. After reviewing developments in the situation in the Central African Republic and hearing a report by Mr. Youssouf Ouédraogo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, Chairman of the Executive Council, on the recent visit to the Central African Republic and some neighbouring States by the Community delegation composed of Burkina Faso, Chad, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan, the meeting decided as follows:

Firstly, to express profound concern about the deteriorating security conditions in the Central African Republic; to emphasize solidarity with the legitimate elected Government, under the leadership of President Ange-Félix Patassé; and to support the efforts that Government is making to maintain peace and stability and achieve concord and national unity in the country;

Secondly, to commend the efforts being made by the international leader Colonel Muammar Qaddafi to promote stability in Central Africa, within the framework of the mandate assigned to him by the Community summit as coordinator for peace and security for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States;

Thirdly, to emphasize that the visit of the quadripartite delegation of the Community to Bangui and the intensified contacts undertaken by it with the Government and the other parties exemplifies the concern of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States regarding the issue of security and stability in member States and in the region as a whole;

Fourthly, to emphasize that collective responsibility among the States members of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States imposes on them the obligation to redouble their efforts and to furnish support of every kind to the Central African Republic with a view to the consolidation of stability;

Fifthly, to commend the unremitting efforts being made by the Organization of African Unity to assist the Government of the Central African Republic in arriving at a lasting solution to the crisis, rebuilding its economy and achieving well-being for its inhabitants;

Sixthly, to commend also the peaceful efforts being undertaken by the Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Central Africa and to urge the international Organization to continue its endeavours to achieve the restoration of stability to the country, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council;

Seventhly, to call upon the United Nations, its specialized agencies, international financing institutions and donors to provide immediate economic assistance to the Central African Republic in order to enable it to cope with the deteriorating economic circumstances that contribute to the threat to stability, security and social peace in that fraternal country.